

S-470
John Washington House
Lower Hill
Private

c. 1870

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-470

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-470

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number West side of Lower Hill Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Lower Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Shirley Washington Worthy
Diane Washington White

street & number 30330 Bowland Hill Circle telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber No Deed

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio Reference

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Washington house stands on the west side of Lower Hill Road in the historic black community of Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Dating around 1870, this two-story, two-bay timber frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is covered with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with sheet tin over a old layer of wood shingles. Trimming the corners of the main block are long paneled pilasters. Attached to the south gable end of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing.

The northeast (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side entrance and a flanking two-over-two sash window to the south. The second floor is pierced by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The paneled pilasters that trim the corners of the main block rise to a boxed cornice.

The northwest gable end is defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a small pointed arch window marks the upper gable.

The rear (west) wall of the main block is somewhat deteriorated with a large opening piercing the first floor. Two-over-two sash windows fill the other openings.

The south gable end is partially covered by a single-story kitchen wing defined by a partially glazed front door on the north side.

The interior is plainly finished. A staircase rises against the north wall of the hallway and passes across the first floor window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

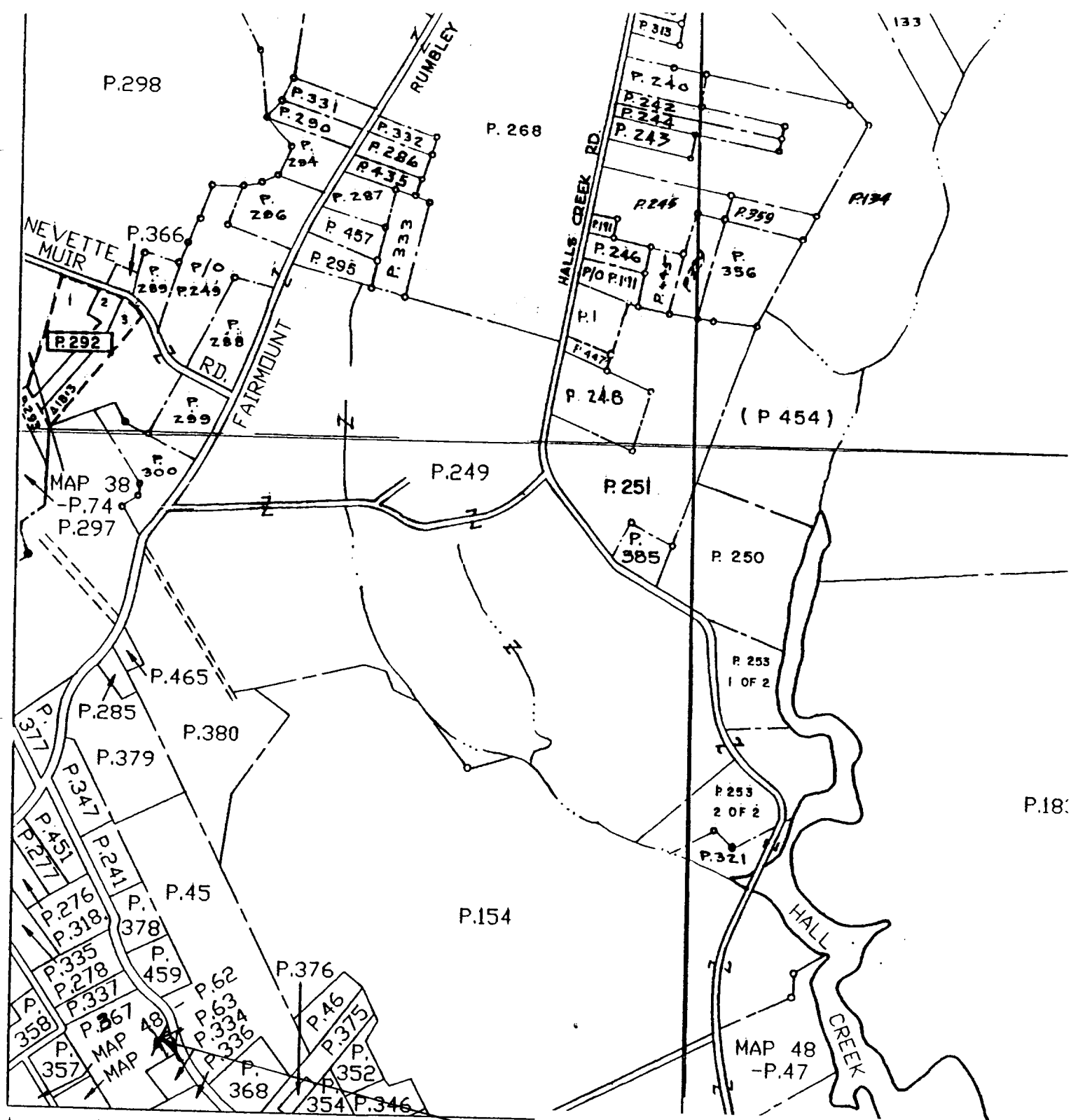
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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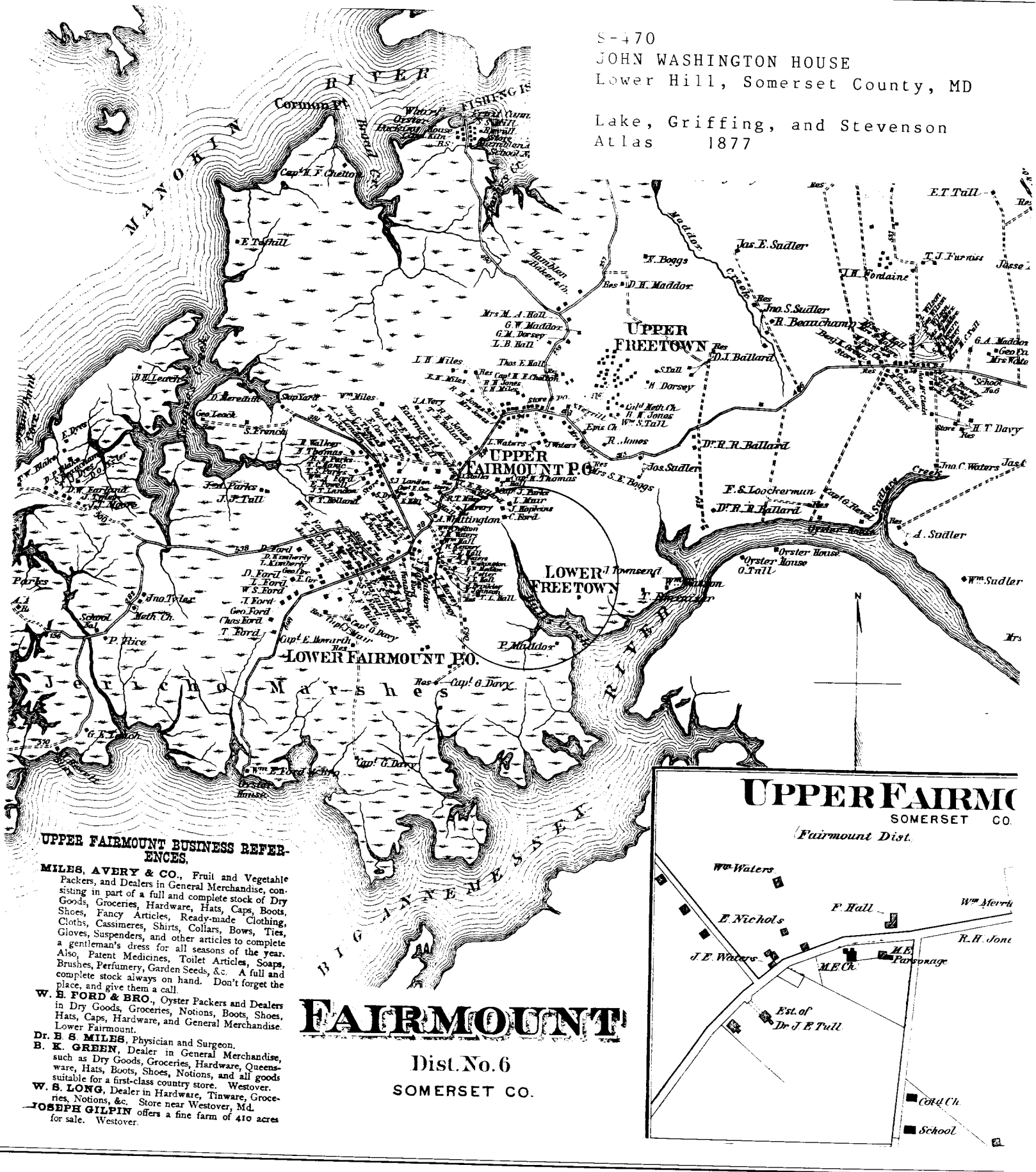
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JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas 1877



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5860 III NE
(MONIE)

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47'30"

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JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

Lower Hill, Somerset County, MD

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
1972



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WORTHEN'S ELEVATION

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